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REMARKS

Claim 1 has been cancelled herein, without prejudice. This claim has been cancelled for the procedural objective of simplifying the claims under examination and facilitating allowance of the remaining claims. The Examiner withdrew Claims 6-9 and 27-30 from consideration. Applicant reserves the right to pursue claims of the same or similar scope to those cancelled or withdrawn herein, in one or more continuing patent applications.

The Examiner objected to Claims 2-5 as being dependant upon a rejected base claim. Pursuant to the Examiner's instructions, Claims 2-5 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In addition, new dependent Claims 43 through 50 have been added. Each of these new claims depends either directly or indirectly, upon allowable base claims, and are believed to be in condition for allowance. Each of the amended and new claims are identified in the table below, together with the corresponding original application claims which have been combined to produce the new or amended claims:

Rewritten and New Claims	Combination of Original Claims
2	1 and 2
4	1 and 4
43	2 and 4
44	2, 4, and 5
45	3 and 4
46	3, 4, and 5
47	23 and 25
48	23, 25, and 26
49	24 and 25
50	24, 25, and 26

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims of the present application are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. If, however, any questions remain, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned so that any such matter may be promptly resolved.


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